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SUBJECT: TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO VIETNAM

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IN ANSWER TO REFTEL,

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED BY ASST FINATT FROM SENIOR OFFICER BANK OF TOKYO WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FOREC BANK IN JAPAN.

2. SINCE LATE AUG BANK OF TOKYO (BOT) HAS BEEN TRANSMITTING FUNDS FOR CUSTOMERS, PRINCIPALLY PERSONAL TRANSFERS FOR LIVING AND OFFICE EXPENSES, TO FOREIGNERS RESIDENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM. BOT OFFICIALS SAID AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED TO DATE TOTAL ABOUT \$5000,000. ALTHOUGH CORRESPONDENT BANK "CREDIT COMMERCIAL DUE VIET NAM" ACCEPTS CORRESPONDENT FRENCH FRANCS, DEUTCH MARKS AND POUND STERLING, VIRTUALLY ALL BOT TRANSFERS HAVE BEEN IN YEN.

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3. OFFICER SAID PERSONS WISHING TO TRANSFER FUNDS SHOULD CONTACT ANY BANK HAVING CORRESPONDENT RELATIONS WITH BOT. INSTRUCTIONS TO BOT MUST INCLUDE PAYEE'S NAME (A) ADDRESS (B) AMOUNT (X) AND SENDER'S NAME (C) IN FOLLOWING FORM; "ADVISE AND PAY (A) ADDRESS (B), THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM, UEN EQUIVALENT OF (X) DOLLARS, BY ORDER OF (C). TRANSFER WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH BOT HEAD OFFICE AT TOKYO.

4. BOT OFFICIAL INDICATED INSTRUCTIONS MUST INCLUDE SENDER'S NAME BUT NOT INCLUDE SENDER'S ADDRESS. OFFICIAL ALSO STRESSED THAT INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING PAYEE'S COUNTRY SHOULD ALWAYS SAY "THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM."

5. BOT TERMS AS FOLLOWS: CABLE CHARGE TOKYO TO SAIGON 2,500 YEN; HANDLING CHARGE 700 YEN. EXCHANGE RATE FLEXIBLE BUT RECENT QUOTATION WAS 2.35 PIASTRES PER YEN, (APPROXIMATELY 707.35 PIASTRES PER DOLLAR).
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